VRS in AI and IA

162. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines have evolved a Voluntary Retirement Scheme in order to reduce its staff strength and financial loss; and

(b) if so, the estimated number of surplus staff in both the organisations and how many of them are likely to accept the Voluntary Retirement Scheme during the year 2001-2002 and the expected total cost thereon organisation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government for introduction of the VRS in Air India and Indian Airlines.

New Hand Trolleys for Sardar Patel Airport in Gujarat

†163. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hand trolleys used for loading of goods at Sardar Patel International Airport of Gujarat are in a very bad condition;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said trolleys are quite old and the number of trolleys is less in comparison to the number of passengers; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to replace them immediately?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The condition of hand trolleys available at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad,

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